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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

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The documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the attached Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding Japanese Patent Application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

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